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DPNR CELEBRATES DAVID HAMILTON JACKSON MONTH

Commissioner Dawn L. Henry, Esq., along with the employees and staff of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources are proud to celebrate November as "David Hamilton Jackson Month".

Bill No. 3101230, now Act. No. 7771 (Act), was sponsored by Senator Myron D. Jackson, Secretary and Chair of the Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth and Recreation of the 31st Legislature of the Virgin Islands. Act No. 7771, designating the month of November as "David Hamilton Jackson Month," tasks DPNR's Virgin Islands Historic Preservation Office and the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums with highlighting D. Hamilton Jackson's achievements and contributions, and with developing appropriate programs and ceremonies within their statutory jurisdictions for the celebration.

In celebration of David Hamilton Jackson Day on November 1st, and to educate the public on his significant contributions, the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums launched a tribute to Jackson on the website's homepage which contains information on D. Hamilton Jackson, including a link to Act. No. 7771, a scanned copy of *The Herald* (November 1, 1915), and links to other online historical resources on Mr. Jackson. The tribute will remain on the homepage for the entire month of November. Visit the website at www.virginislandspubliclibraries.org.

During the month, DPNR will also display a showcase exhibit at the Florence Williams Public Library on St. Croix.

In addition, Act. No 7771 requires the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums to locate and digitize all publications of *The Herald* and all historically significant documents about David Hamilton Jackson and deposit them in all public school libraries.

The Territorial Archives will commence digitizing the 727 issues of *The Herald* held within the Archives, and to replace any missing editions with digital images that might be held in other repositories in microfilm, paper or electronic formats. Ongoing, the Division will identify any

other materials (personal papers, books, news coverage, etc.) relating to D. Hamilton Jackson that may be identified for digital and print preservation and distribution.

For more information, please contact Ingrid Bough, Territorial Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums at the Florence Williams Public Library (340) 773-5715, Susan Lugo, Territorial Archivist via email at susan.lugo@dpnr.vi.gov at the Charles Wesley Turnbull Regional Public Library at (340)774-0630 or Sean Krigger, Director Virgin Islands State Historic Preservation Office at (340) 776-8605. Visit the website www.virginislandspubliclibraries.org

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